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British TV Documentary Says Kennedy Was Killed by 3 French Gangsters

LONDON (AP)—A British television documentary says U.S. organized crime was behind the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and that his shooting was carried out by three French gangsters.

The two-hour Central Television program entitled "The Men Who Killed Kennedy" says the assassins were from Marseilles. Details of the program were released Tuesday before it aired Tuesday night.

The documentary names one of the alleged gunmen as Lucien Sarti and says he was shot to death in Mexico in 1972. It said a second alleged gunman is believed to be working in Colombia's cocaine trade and the third is reportedly living in Marseilles after his recent release from prison.

Central Television, a company in Britain's commercial Independent Television network, said the program was based on a four-year inquiry by American writer and researcher Steve Rivele and the program's British director, Nigel Turner.

Kennedy was killed as he rode in a motorcade through Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. Lee Harvey Oswald was charged with the shooting but was shot to death two days later in the garage of a police station by Jack Ruby. The Warren Commission, formed to investigate Kennedy's assassination, ruled that Oswald acted alone.